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**PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS "EXILES" ANOTHER CRIMINAL**

**Little Rock** – Bud Cummins, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and Stevan Dalrymple, Prosecuting Attorney for the Eleventh Judicial District - West, announced that Horace Hudson, III (dob: 10-27-77) of Pine Bluff, was sentenced today before United States District Judge Bill Wilson.

According to the Indictment and proceedings in this case, Hudson was involved in a crack cocaine and cocaine hydrochloride trafficking organization operating in the Eastern District of Arkansas and elsewhere. From 1999, until January 16, 2004, Hudson and others were in possession of multi-kilogram quantities of cocaine base, a/k/a crack cocaine and powder cocaine.

On September 4, 2002, 5 kilograms of cocaine powder was seized by authorities near Hope, Arkansas. Hudson was arrested as he attempted to acquire this cocaine in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Firearms, currency and additional quantities of powder and crack cocaine were recovered from an adjacent residence associated with Hudson.

After his release on bond, Hudson and others were arrested in Pine Bluff on September 29, 2003. More than 5 pounds of cocaine powder and nearly 2 kilograms of crack cocaine, along

with 6 firearms and \$ 11,335 in U.S. currency were recovered during the search of the residence where Hudson and others were found.

After his release on bond from this matter, Hudson was arrested in a west Little Rock apartment on January 16, 2004. Approximately 16 ounces of crack cocaine, \$6,762 in currency and 5 firearms were seized during this arrest.

Hudson entered guilty pleas to conspiracy to distribute more than 5 kilograms of cocaine hydrochloride, conspiracy to distribute more than 50 grams of cocaine base, a/k/a crack cocaine and two counts of possession of firearms in connection with drug trafficking activities. Hudson has admitted responsibility to the possession and distribution of between 5 and 15 kilograms of cocaine hydrochloride and more than 1.5 kilograms of crack cocaine.

District Judge Wilson sentenced Hudson to a total of 595 months imprisonment. Hudson was sentenced to 235 months imprisonment for drug trafficking offenses. A consecutive term of 360 months (30 years) of this sentence is imposed for firearms crimes committed by Hudson in association with his drug trafficking activities. A 5-year term of supervised release was imposed to be completed after Hudson concludes his imprisonment.

“Sooner or later the word will get out – the feds are serious about drug dealers and gun crimes. Through Project Safe Neighborhoods, we continue to partner with local prosecutors – in this case, Stevan Dalrymple – to remove these folks from the community. Mr. Hudson won’t be causing any problems in Pine Bluff for quite a while,” state Cummins. “Hudson’s sentence will put him back on the street sometime after the year 2050,” Cummins added.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the

Pine Bluff Police Department, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, the Tri-County Drug Task Force, the Little Rock Police Department.

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